

I enjoy the diversity and accesibility that XM radio provides. It is especially helpful when traveling. Weather and traffic reports are very helpful. Quite often the commercial stations spend 60 secs every 15 mins with a quick update of accidents, but neglect other items in order to get back to their advertisements and formatted programming. I do not hear the local TV news stations complaining that the weather channel is taking too much market share. Competition in business is a beautiful thing. Companies try to expand the quality and functionality of their products or services all at reduced prices to end users. I think that XM has provided a refreshing alternative for people who just want to hear music without all the radio DJ antics. Many genres are provided that are not mainstream enough to warrant local stations. Weather, Traffic and News are all welcomed. It seems like the local government has been spending massive amounts of money putting interactive signs on the freeways alerting drivers of congestion and suggesting alternatives. Large signs displaying kidnapped children alerts are also appearing rappidly. Imagine if people could receive this information on-demand? The truth is that they can with the current offerings of XM. If others complain, let them develop a better business plan. Competition is healthy. Let us not stifle the flow of appropriate communication and information.